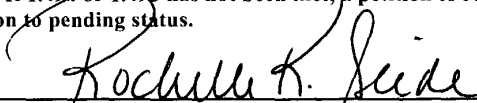


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| TITLE OF INVENTION STAPLER FOR ENDOSCOPES | | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Elazar Sonnenschein, et al. | | | |
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